"To care for bim who has borne the battle, and for his widow and orphans."

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CHAPTER VIII.

HOW TO GET A HORSE. "Why then, tonight, at us assay our plot; which, if it speed, wicked meaning in a lawful deed,"

Joe Lewis's recovery was slow. A pis-tol ball had lodged in his side, and it was thought best to let it alone. He languish-ed in the hospital at Calpeper. Dan Morgan's acquaintanceship with Armstrong became intimacy. It is not to

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Dan Morgan's acquaintaneeship with Armstrong became intimacy. It is not to be doubted that from the first Charley had a paper of the abundant good-will shown him by the young cavalryman, nor would it be reasonable to question Armstrong's pleasure in knowing that she had attracted this additional contestant for the mixe of her additional contestant for the prize of her partiality, seeing that Morgan was in every way eligible; yet the relationship which exists between a beauty's brother and a beauty's suitor, especially prior to the beauty's acceptance, is somewhat delicate in Virginia, and spite of Dan's prown character and rising reputation, unpronounced desires were the cause peculiar and not unconscious restraint on the part of both men. Though you ish to get rid of your sister, you do not publish your desire; and even when you neutral between parties to the delicate marfare preliminary to matrimony or espeached and unquestionable, and you ent with native dignity even a tacit suggestion looking to your alliance with the aggressor. So, too, on the other hand, if your fair enemy claims your friend as her brother, you are bound, by very force of circumstances, to let your action and your words make plain to this friend and wordher that you are the embodiment of wisdom and virtue; you must handle him liscreetly, considerately, humanely. Per-maps the intimacy between Armstrong and Morgan was not the worse because it lacked the roistering pretentiousness of

sked the roistering pretentiousness of one who seek no man's sister and have no to bestow; perhaps it was not less redial because it lacked contemptuous miliarity; perhaps it did no harm to the incipal or to his intended second that nost unconsciously either desired to expit only those qualities which men adre, and to suppress language and feel-tindecorous and uncomely; hypocrisy it is a confession that virture is adrable, and our men were not hypocrites one was a man responsive to the mute peal of an honest heart; the other was rely a novice in the long art of love. merely a novice in the long art of love.

The Confederate infantry were encamped on the plains of Manassas, with advanced posts at Centerville. Stuart's

Morgan had little trouble in getting leave of absence for an afternoon to be dedicated to his worship of Lucy Armstrong through the medium of her martial rep-Dan one day.
"Wish I was; I'd prefer it greatly."

ville, there was no great activity, so that

"Why did you go into the infantry?"
"Weil, I wouldn't tell everybody the reason, but I'll tell you; it was just because it was cheaper."

Morgan did not like the reply. It was but another parry or thrust in their fences.

ng: he felt notice served upon him that Lucy was not to be considered a rich al-

"But you get pay for the use of your

Morgan was silent; could be ask whether a horse more or fewer would make a difference on the homestead? Charley relieved him.

"Of course, dad would give me the best

horse on the place, but, my dear fellow, my upper lip wouldn't allow it." ached to tell Charley that hors were numerous on a certain establish-ment in Augusta County and that it would be a joy to send for the finest, yet

knew it impossible to make such offer.
"It is easy enough to get a transfer," said he, alluding to changes from on arm of the service to another. Yes; and if everything was as I wish,

I'd be glad enough to change."

Dan felt inspired. "Charley!" he Dan felt inspired. "Charles!" he exclaimed, "I'll tell you what we'll do! Let's eatch a horse for you from the Yankees!"
"But you'd be compelled to turn him over to the Quartermaster, and I'd get as good of it."
"It wow! But what I'm thinking of is different. We'd catch him on our own time. Each get leave of absence for a day. Nebody must know anything about the Poets and you wish on the fully trusted by either party. In order to retain the means of the you don't suppose I'm going to consent to your risking your life in order to get me a horse!"

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"He must have a pretty big force."
"I don't know so much about that,"
says Dan: "you see, wo privates never
learn anything beyond our own companies.
I suppose a General knows everything
worth knowing."
"There are some things he don't know
that he'd like mighty well to find out,"
said Hall, with a shake of his head toward the north.

A brilliant manuver, but not decisive of the campaign. Armstrong threw for-

Then you ought to catch a hundred,"

"Would you accept one of a hundred?"

"Then I make you this proposition:
You know a man gets 40 cents a day
for the use of his horse; we'll go together
and catch one for you, and divide the pay
for the horse."

"Agreed!"

Morgan had attracted Stuart's notice
more than once. He felt free to go to
the General for advice. The great cavalry
leader was not displeased to see individual
enterprise exhibited by his men, and was
nothing loath to abet the irregular method
by which Morgan proposed to add a good
man to the brigade. He gave Morgan
information concerning the Union pickets.
The conspiracy required simultaneous
leaves of absence for the two men, and
this was not easy to manage; two or three
reachs went by Dan refusing to add the proposition:

"Anything going on?"

"There's always something going on."

Dan feared to show eagerness; nevertheless, a mild interest seemed in place.

"There can be no great movement before Spring," says he: "and then the campain will not be here."

"We sometimes get a chance to read
the Yankee papers, and we know that
McClellan intends to go down to Fort
Monroe and advance from that direction."

"Yes," said Hall, "I've seen that too.
and I hope it's so; this thing of being
liable to both sides is not healthy."

The talk seemed to go astray. "Our pickets reported any change lately?" Dan
asked.

Hall brought his fist down on the

leaves of absence for the two men, and this was not easy to manage; two or three weeks went by. Dan refusing to ask the alightest favor from his officers until Armstrong should give the word. At last he received a note from Charley, and he boldly went to his Captain and begged for two days, to begin on the morrow.

"What for?" asked the Captain; "it must be a pretty strong reason that makes

you ask for two days; won't one day do

you?"
"I think not, sir; truth is, Captain, that

know that our post at the church is far ing at his right—horses coming—getting from our extreme right. We'll save time louder and louder, and he knew that cavand trouble by going straight ahead."

"THE MAN WAS MARKING TIME TO WARM HIS FEET."

in the night. This astute young rebel had not believe that there would be a cavalry

ears caught a sound—the noise perhaps

been able to borrow Federal overcoats, under which each concealed a bridle strap-

A tramp of at least 12 miles was before

them, for they must make crooks and turns to get around their own pickets and to circumvent their enemies afterward.

The way was nearly due east, and until they should almost reach Annandale they

they should aimost reach Annandaie they need have no fear, but just beyond that little village they must take heed lest their enterprise be interrupted by Confederates: they were provided with written passes, it is true, but these passes did not at all contemplate their visiting the Federal army in Alexandria, and they knew that if they were detected by their own friends obnoxious publicity could not be avoided. So down the Little River turn-

avoided. So down the Little River turn-pike they trudged toward Annandale, But

they did not quite reach Annandale; just before you get to that hamlet you cross

According Creek; they crossed, but at once took down the swamp, and went a nile, or say a mile and a half, to the house of a man named Hall, with whom Dan had

previously scraped acquaintance while on picket. At Hall's they got supper. They were yet within the Confederate lines, and they gave no intimation that they

were going beyond; what Dan wanted was first, supper, second, to learn if possible

versation Charley was discreetly silent, through fear of betraying his ignorance

ward the north. "Anything going on?"

into the woods; they must consult.

Morgan explained that the railroad "The post is at Back Lick Church; how Morgan explained that the railroad grade was running across their path; that the embankment was an ideal protection for the enemy's pickets, who surely would be behind it if anywhere south of Holmes's R. a., for now they were only about six miles from Alexandria; they have that the Union southing parties from far they picket right and left I don't knew that the Union scouting parties frequently reconnoitered on ground farther than six miles from their lines. They decided to cross the railroad grade. miles from here-perhaps not so far "Lead on, then."

"But I'm going around 'em," said Dan.

"I'm not going to any Back Lick Church on this occasion."

"To the right or left?"

"I think I'll try the left. You see, there is no use in going to the right unless we want to get around all our line, and we have the course of horses move that our post at the church is far.

"Whereabouts on Back Lick is our to Armstrong, and together they retreated

I am trying to get a good man to join the company, and I hope to succeed."

"Ah! If that's the case, Morgan, you may go; good luck to you!"

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They were in the angle made by the turnpike and railroad, which here are nearly three miles apart and which meet on toward Annandale.

Morgan rose. "We are all right now,"

The dog continued to bark. They went toward the sound, Morgan judging that there was reason for him to bark. Half a mile of forest and small field was passed, and they stood at the south of a farm-house facing east. The dog still barked. Hidden from the house-yard by a low fence, the two rebels lay down and watched and listened. The barking came from the rear of the house, the west; on their side was nothing. The house was lighted, but silent; visitors must be within, for it was past a farmer's early bed-time. Mor-gan wished to get to the rear of the house -the visitors' horses might be in the barn yard-but he feared discovery and be trayal by the dog. They waited, lying hidden behind an abandoned cart rotting hidden behind an abandoned cart rotting near the fence. A little time passed, and sounds of voices came from the dwelling—men's voices—and shuffling of feet. The front door was thrown open, and three men walked into the yard. In the moonlight it was easy to see that two were cavalrymen in their long overcoats and with their sabers almost dragging the ground; probably the third man was the resident conducting his guests.

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All at once Dan felt Charley's hand on his arm, and heard him whisper, "Look under the tree." Morgan looked and saw, a little to the right oblique, and about 60 yards away, two horses standing under a thick cedar; they were not distinctly visible, as the drooping boughs partly concealed them, yet it was clear that two horses were there—one very tall, a bay perhaps, the other darker and of better form. The cedar tree was almost in front of the yard gate—about 30 yards farther toward the north. Morgan almost swore in his disappointment; it was now too late to get these horses which 10 minutes earlier would have been such easy prey. A voice came from the yard, about 40 feet away, a voice that made Armstrong start.

"Guess we'd better go back, Sol."

"Das is yoost vat I been dinkin' mineselluf; I petter be mit mine post und Yack at 2 o'clock already."

"Yes; there's no need for us to go any

"Quille Evo De rther; our fellows have cone long ago."
"Will you come back ta's way?" asked

Well, I don't know. Is it any nearer?" in the night. This astute young rebel had not believe that there would be a cavality no intention whatever of dividing one horse into two shares; he would get two horses, and Charley should have a whole one. Cold weather had set in. They had "A little longer, but a better road." Now they were at the gate, and exactly etween the horses and the two rebels.

ly troubled on that account. He had the night for a cloak, and the ground was wooded, and his enterprise would be easier if the Federal pickets had made an advance corresponding to the withdrawal

ped to his waist, and one of Morgan's pis-tols, the only arms they chose to carry. easier if the Federal pickets had made an advance corresponding to the withdrawal advance corresponding to the withdrawal of Stuart's men; so he led along rapidly enough, going straight ahead, and toward Back Lick Run, at its nearest only a mile away. The run was passed. Dan knew that there was a road crossing his course, half a mile farther on, the road running from Annandale past Back Lick Church, and he felt confident that on this road the Confederate patrols would ride; so he because now to be very cautions in his advance opened and the two men went to their horses; the farmer remained at the gate: Morgan had not responded to the words of parting.

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The unknown men rode southeast, passible, who could easily see one on a great bay, the other on a superb horse, almost black, that carried his head like a lord.

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wance. Armstrong kept close behind, almost locking step, and saying nothing; you know what a comfort it is to have with you a man who can be depended upon in all matters, even that of keeping on his hands. But this posture was maintained by his mouth shut. At length Armstrong tained only for a moment; he raised his brought up with a jerk against his leader, head, lifted his right hand and shook it, who had stopped suddenly; peering over clinched, in the direction of the Unionists Morgan's shoulder Charley could see a no longer in sight, muttering curses upon

dim streak of light ahead, a streak per-pendicular to their course, and he judged Morgan at one rose and, followed by that here was the boundary—the road marking the line of the Confederates' most advanced patrols. Dan remained motionless. Almost presently Armstrong's Charley, approached the gate. "Evening, sir."

"Good evening. Who are you?"
"Confederates;" this in a whisper. The man said nothing; perhaps he was "I can prove it; come where you can

of hoofs drumming upon some distant bridge; but the bridge must have been first, supper, second, to learn if possible very short, for the sound ceased abruptly. see, and we'll show you not only our uniwhether any changes had occurred in front since he had seen Gen. Stuart. In the constrong feared to breathe; he tried to hear Jones of the 1st Va. Cav. We're out Dan's breathing and could not. Arm-here for a purpose; we are trusting you; strong's hands were resting on his lead-now show some trust in us." of cavalry technics; and Dan spoke for both.

Morgan praised Mrs. Hall's house and he also knelt. Soon muffled hoof
"I am for the Union," said he.

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At 10 o'clock the moon rose, and they could see better how to avoid obstacles. Soon they were an the bank of a small "stream. Armstrong knew not whether the brook ran to his right or his left, except from a general knowledge that all the streams made their way southeastward into the Potomac. The ground was heavily timbered, and fallen trees lay here and there, some of them spanning the little stream. They crossed.

In five minutes another opening was seen in front, and Dan stopped. "What do you want me fo do?"

"All we want of you is to learn what hanges have been made near you."

"Yes, and then you'll bring a regiment town here and I'll ketch the devil for it."

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